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To the Board of Firefighter Personnel and Standards,

I, Alex Martinez, PSID# 8486-5050 request a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-8 (b) (1). This rule requires 1 year certification as a Firefighter 2 prior to application for Fire Officer 1 certification. I took Firefighter 1 & 2 training in Ohio in 2005-2007. In 2007 I enlisted in the United States Army and served honorably until Combat Related Injuries forced an early retirement from the Army. In the Army I rose to the rank of E-5 Sergeant and had numerous leadership and instructional courses along with real world experience of leading troops in hostile situations. Upon my return to civilian life I have been very active in firefighter training and I am currently in a career role as a mentor and leader to newer members at the Sellersburg Fire Department. At the time of my return reciprocity was explored but due to the lack of IFSAC certification and lost documentation, it was decided to just retake FF 1&2 in Indiana. My current role is as a career mentor to new firefighters and I am very active in this program at the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department. My understanding of the intent of the rule is to prevent unexperienced personnel from leading others into a bad situation. I appeal to the Board for this exception based on my prior training and experience allow this based on the time it was done verses the actual certification.

Respectfully

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I, Alex Martinez, PSID# 8486-5050 request a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-19 (b). This rule requires 1 year certification as a Firefighter 2 prior to application for Fire Instructor 1 certification. I took Firefighter 1 & 2 training in Ohio in 2005-2007. In 2007 I enlisted in the United States Army and served honorably until Combat Related Injuries forced an early retirement from the Army. In the Army I rose to the rank of E-5 Sergeant and had numerous leadership and instructional courses along with real world experience of leading troops in hostile situations. Upon my return to civilian life I have been very active in firefighter training and I am currently in a career role as a mentor and leader to newer members at the Sellersburg Fire Department. At the time of my return reciprocity was explored but due to the lack of IFSAC certification and lost documentation, it was decided to just retake FF 1&2 in Indiana. My current role is as a career mentor to new firefighters and I am very active in this program at the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department. . My understanding of the intent of the rule is to prevent unexperienced personnel from instructing others. I appeal to the Board for this exception based on my prior training and allow this based on the time it was done verses the actual certification.

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